

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3805**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Barbara A. L'Italien**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act addressing LGBT elder inclusion.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
Cleon H. Turner	1st Barnstable
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
Gale D. Candaras	First Hampden and Hampshire
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	34th Middlesex
Alice K. Wolf	25th Middlesex
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk
Robert S. Hargraves	1st Middlesex
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex
Sarah K. Peake	4th Barnstable
Kate Hogan	3rd Middlesex
Linda Dorcena Forry	12th Suffolk
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Michael F. Rush	10th Suffolk
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk

Byron Rushing  
Mary E. Grant

9th Suffolk  
6th Essex

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT ADDRESSING LGBT ELDER INCLUSION.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 19A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 official edition, is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following new section:

3 Section 6A: The department shall contract with appropriate individuals and community agencies to  
4 develop a curriculum for the delivery of accessible and appropriate services to lesbian, gay, bisexual and  
5 transgender elders and caregivers. Said curriculum shall focus on the prevention and elimination of  
6 discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, as well as on improving  
7 access to services for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender elders. The department shall require that  
8 such training be completed by all providers of services who contract with or receive funding from the  
9 department, from Aging Service Access Points and/or from the MassHealth Office of Long Term Care, or  
10 whose services are certified by the department.

11 The department shall subcontract with appropriate community agencies or programs to conduct said  
12 training and shall promulgate regulations for its provision, including expected time frames for its  
13 completion and any penalties that may apply to providers for failure to comply.